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PROLIFERATION

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SUMMARY: IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE JUNE 21
KOMEITO CHAIRMAN TAKEIRI CALLED ON GOJ TO PROPOSE
SPECIAL UNGA TO DISCUSS RASH OF NUCLEAR TESTS AND
DANGER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION. HE SUGGESTED
JAPAN DELAY NPT RATIFICATION UNTIL NUCLEAR
POWERS AGREE ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. KOMEITO CHAIRMAN YOSHIKATSU TAKEIRI ADDRESSED
SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AT GREAT LENGTH
DURING CAMPAIGN VISIT TO FUKUOKA JUNE 21. EXPRESSING
DEEP CONCERN ABOUT RASH OF RECENT TESTS AND GROWING
DANGER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION, TAKEIRI
CALLED FOR (1) CONVOCAION OF SPECIAL UNGA TO DISCUSS
NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUESTION ON EMERGENCY BASIS, (2)
CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT BY NUCLEAR POWERS ON NON-USE
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND (3) UNIFICATION OF JAPAN'S
DIVIDED ANTI-NUCLEAR WEAPONS MOVEMENT UNDER
SINGLE NATIONAL LIAISON COUNCIL. PROPOSALS WERE
REPORTED IN FULL BY PARTY ORGAN, KOMEI SHIMBUN, AND
RECEIVED GENERAL COVERAGE IN VERNACULAR PRESS.

2. TAKEIRI SAID THAT HE IS CALLING ON GOJ TO
UNDERTAKE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE TO CONVENE
SPECIAL UNGA, SIMILAR TO RECENT SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
ON RESOURCES, TO DISCUSS (1) COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR
TEST BAN, (2) AGREEMENT BY NUCLEAR POWERS NOT TO
RESORT TO FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND (3)
ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. URGENT
NECESSITY FOR SUCH SESSION, HE SAID, ARISES FROM
ABSENCE OF TANGIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMA-
MENT IN GENEVA TALKS, RECENT RASH OF UNRESTRAINED
NUCLEAR TESTS BY INDIA, FRANCE, PRC AND USSR, AND
NEW DANGER OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO
ISRAEL AND EGYPT. TAKEIRI CRITISIZED US AND USSR,
AS CO-ARCHITECTS OF NPT, FOR FAILURE TO MAKE PROGRESS
TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, AND FOR NOT PROVIDING
EXPLICIT SECURITY ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS.
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3. REITERATING STRONG SUPPORT FOR NON-
PROLIFERATION PRINCIPLE AND DISCLAIMING THAT REMARKS
REPRESENT ARGUMENT AGAINST NPT, PER SE, TAKEIRI
SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN DELAY NPT RATIFICATION, SUBJECT
TO ACHIEVEMENT OF INDISPENSABLE CONDITION OF AGREEMENT
BY NUCLEAR POWERS ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NPT
RATIFICATION BY JAPAN, HE ARGUED, OFFERS SCANT

PROSPECTS EITHER FOR HALT IN PRESENT UNRESTRICTED
SERIES OF NUCLEAR TESTS, OR FOR MODERATION OF DANGER
OF IMMINENT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO
ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

4. AT SAME TIME, TO ALLEVIATE INTERNATIONAL CONCERN
THAT JAPAN MIGHT GO NUCLEAR IN INTERIM, TAKEIRI
CALLED FOR DIET DECLARATION THAT JAPAN WOULD
FOREVER RENOUNCE NUCLEAR ARMS.

5. ONLY REMARK WITH OUTRIGHT DOMESTIC POLITICAL
COLORATION WAS TAKEIRI'S PROPOSAL THAT JSP, JCP,
DSP AND FOUR LABOR FEDERATIONS JOIN KOMEITO IN
ORGANIZING NATIONAL LIAISON COUNCIL TO UNIFY AND
REINFORCE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
WHICH PRESENTLY DIVIDED UNDER QTE SELF-SEEKING LEADERSHIP
OF CERTAIN POLITICAL PARTIES UNQTE (I.E.,
GENSUIKYO AND GENSUIKIN UNDER JSP AND JCP.)

6. COMMENT: TAKEIRI REMARKS FAIRLY REFLECT PAL-
PABLE RISE IN POPULAR CONCERN HERE TOUCHED OFF BY
RECENT RASH OF NUCLEAR TESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF US
NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT. (TAKEIRI
FINESSED REFERENCE TO UK UNDERGROUND TEST IN US,
WHICH WAS ASSUMED TO LIE IN FUTURE WHEN HE SPOKE
JUNE 21.) TAKEIRI SEEMS WELL AWARE THAT INSISTENCE
ON NUCLEAR POWER AGREEMENT ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS MAY BE INTERPRETED AS SUBTERFUGE TO JUSTIFY
FURTHER DELAY IN NPT RATIFICATION, BUT IT WOULD BE
IDLE TO SPECULATE NOW ON EFFECT OF SUGGESTED DIET
DECLARATION ON WORLD CONCERN ABOUT JAPAN'S ULTIMATE
NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, IF PROPOSED AND
ADOPTED, SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD SERVE TO FURTHER
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REINFORCE PRESENT GOJ POLICY OF NON-MANUFACTURE,
NON-POSSESSION AND NON-INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS. END COMMENT.
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